



GVHC Members Again Ban Pets Give PR Voting Informal Okay

By Russell Greenbaum

For the second time in the past six months, Greenbelt residents who are members of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation voted down by a substantial majority, an attempt to repeal the provision in the GVHC home owner's contract which forbids the possession of pets. The vote, taken at the GVHC quarterly membership meeting Thursday night, December 3, reaffirmed a previous vote against pets at the membership meeting last June.

The second big issue on the agenda, a recommendation by GVHC that the present proportional representation system of voting for board members be replaced by either plurality voting or cumulative voting was not officially decided because of a lack of a quorum. However, an informal vote revealed that the members preferred to retain the present system.

Pet Issue

The pet issue, which basically involves dogs, was raised again by a petition presented to the membership meeting by the required ten GVHC members. The petitioners contended that the action against pets at the June meeting was "an infringement on our rights." The petition went on to state:

"Not all of us own pets, but we feel the inherent right to do so should not be taken away from us. In a tenant relationship, the landlord does have such rights to forbid possession of pets and make it a provision of occupancy. However, in a co-ownership such laws have no place. We wish to avoid encroachment on others' rights to live peacefully, but we do insist upon the right to make our own decisions of what might be our possessions."

The petitioners sought permission for GVHC members to keep pets, subject to such provisions as providing a fenced area for the animal and not allowing it to run at large, delegating the police department to declare an animal a public nuisance, and requiring that the owner of an animal declared a public nuisance or a public hazard dispose of the pet within ten days.

Debate on the issue did not flame as high as had been anticipated, and there appeared to be a certain amount of lethargy among the members concerning this long-debated question. One member moved that the petition be tabled. He previously moved that a substitute proposal be submitted to the members in which the entire responsibility for controlling pets would be in the hands of the city authorities. This motion was ruled out of order, and the motion to table the petition was defeated by a large majority.

The complaint of one member that he never got a chance to vote on an issue at GVHC meetings because he had to leave for work by 10:30 p.m. was enough to end the debate and call for the vote. The member was able to leave for work with five minutes to spare.

Voting System

The discussion on the voting system was more prolonged. Originally scheduled to precede the pets issue, it was postponed until after that item on the motion of Tom Ritchie.

The champion of proportional representation or the Hare system was Bob Volckhausen, who was assisted in his fight by Ritchie. Both argued that the Hare system was the only means of assuring minority representation on the GVHC board. They pointed out that the plurality system, which was preferred by the board, would permit an entire slate of candidates to be elected by a single group, leaving other members with no voice on the board.

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St. Hugh's Celebrates Pastor's 25th Year

Sunday, December 13, marks the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo's ordination to the holy priesthood. Father Dowgiallo will celebrate a high Mass of thanksgiving at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Casimir P. Losinski, uncle of Father Dowgiallo and pastor of St. John's Church, Clinton, Md., will deliver the sermon. The Monastery group from St. John DeMatha, Hyattsville, will sing the Mass. St. Hugh's Boys Choir will sing the processional and recessional for this occasion. Special guests, including relatives, friends, and parishioners of St. Hugh's will attend.

Father Dowgiallo came to serve as pastor of St. Hugh's in June 1947. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles College in Catonsville, Maryland, and was ordained December 22, 1928 at St. John Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of the Pope in Rome, Italy.

A public reception in observance of his silver jubilee will be held Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock in St. Hugh's auditorium.

Representatives of various organizations in Greenbelt, including City Manager Charles McDonald, Mayor Frank Lastner, and the manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services and Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, will be on hand to congratulate Father Dowgiallo. The public is invited to join St. Hugh's parish in honoring its pastor.

The reception is sponsored by the following lay organizations of St. Hugh's parish, under the chairmanship of Joseph Compton: Our Lady's Sodality, The Holy Name Society, St. Hugh's Parents Guild, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Ladies of Charity, and the Parish Committee.

Local NCJW To Offer Music Program Dec. 17

The Greenbelt Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will meet on Thursday, December 17 at 8:30 in the home economics room of the Center School. The program will mark the celebration of Jewish Music Month. Mrs. Rosalie Sirlin, concert pianist, will offer several selections, and a group of Israeli dancers will perform. The public is invited.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

1. How was the Greenbelt Co-operator started?
2. How was the name selected?
3. Who was the first editor?
4. How many past editors live in Greenbelt?
5. What is the relation of Greenbelt Consumer Services (the "Co-op") to The Co-operator?

Postmaster Lists Holiday Hours

Postmaster Tom Freeman has announced the following hours of service to the public during the Christmas season, December 12 through December 24:

Saturdays, December 12 and 19 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays, December 13 and 20 - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Weekdays, Monday through Friday - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All patrons are advised to carefully check their Christmas mailing lists, because of the many address changes, of their friends who have moved from Greenbelt. If they desire to have their greeting cards forwarded to their friends who have moved it is necessary for them to mail cards first-class.

Lions Offer Prize For Christmas Lights

For the first time in its 17-year history Greenbelt residents will have the opportunity to participate in an outdoor Christmas decoration program. The Greenbelt Lions Club will award a \$25 savings bond to the resident displaying the most original and attractive decorations on the outside of his or her home.

Judges for the contest will be a group of Junior-Hi students. Judging will be done on Saturday and Sunday, December 26 and 27, and the winner will be announced in this paper on December 31. (Needless to say, members of the Lions Club will not be eligible to compete.)

Credit Union Starts Membership Drive

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, on December 1953, started a drive to increase its membership. Since so many new families moved to Greenbelt during the past year, the Credit Union is inviting them to join and become eligible for the services and benefits it offers.

The local credit union is one of the less conspicuous members of the cooperative family in Greenbelt. Organized 16 years ago, it has served its member-patrons through the years, giving aid to many families in need of funds.

It approves many loans on signature, loans based on the character of the borrower, for all kinds of emergencies: new babies, medical and dental bills, school tuition fees; automobile repair bills; insurance and license fees; etc. When the ownership of the houses changed hands, many families were helped by the special efforts of the credit union to make their homes acceptable as short-term security.

Of course, for years the shiny new 4-door custom special for the family's use has been financed through the credit union. Why do so many people use the facilities of this group of volunteers in everyman's finance? Quoting from the record in FCU 548 of the Federal Security Agency: "During 1950, nearly a billion dollars was made available to credit union members by the action of their credit committees . . . When compared with other available sources of credit . . . the net savings to members was . . . possibly as high as 175 million dollars". Not a bad record, what?

City To Keep Library, Says Council As Citizens Hear Plan For Budget

Greenbelt's city library will not be integrated with the county library system, local citizens were assured by the city council at a public hearing on the 1954 budget last Monday night. Over 60 citizens, representing many civic organizations, attended the hearing in the auditorium of the community building.

Format Deplored

As a result of the hearing no money was added to the budget or subtracted. Chief complaint, however, was the format of the budget. Ralph Webster, president of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, complained that the format was not comprehensive, was difficult to analyze, was not presented in time to allow sufficient consideration, and did not clearly outline the association of income to expenses. He deplored the practice of dividing a "man in quarters" to allocate his expense to different departments.

Other citizens declared the format was not understandable since it did not adequately present the increase or decrease in various departments, nor break down the amounts allocated to different functions of a department.

City manager Charles McDonald replied that the manager-council form of government requires, in practice, that he present a "realistic appraisal of the departments and their anticipated expenses," or in other words "a performance budget." The council hires an auditor each year to examine the proper use of the funds in each department, and this is not a privilege of citizens at public hearings, he declared. However, the council gets a monthly report of the expenditures of each department in "broken-down" form, he added.

Another reason for the format, McDonald stated, is the close adherence to administrative practices which governs the presentation and accounting methods in the municipal government.

One citizen expressed appreciation of McDonald's reasons but expressed the hope for two budgets next year, one formal, another informal for easier interpretation by the citizens.

Lions Plan Goodwill Tree, Benefit Movie

A "Good Will Christmas tree will be erected and decorated by the Lions Club in co-operation with the municipality and various civic organizations early next week. The tree will be surrounded by a crib where good-will contributions by citizens of food, new clothing, toys and other gifts will be deposited. The collected items will be distributed to the needy families in Greenbelt on Christmas.

Communication with Santa Claus is being attempted in order to persuade Santa to visit Greenbelt very soon. The results of this endeavor will be announced in next week's Co-operator.

Arrangements are being completed by the Lions Club to run a benefit movie, with December 18 as a tentative date, with admission price a gift parcel for a needy citizen. The name of the film is being withheld at present but is expected to be a pleasant surprise.

Green Valley Calling

Greenbelt Community Builders is calling a meeting Wednesday, December 16, at 8 p.m. at the GVHC office for those people who are interested in buying into Green Valley Homes - individually owned.

Library Stays

Assurance was given the citizens by Mayor Frank Lastner that the library will remain under city control. Many citizens spoke in favor of keeping the library, with none in opposition. An article in the Co-operator, reporting the statements of two county library officials at an earlier informational meeting, was criticized by several citizens for giving a "one-sided" picture. Lastner opened the hearing with a castigation of the Co-operator for an editorial expressing the opinion that the council was using the library issue as a blind for more significant aspects of the budget. "We are not hiding anything," he declared.

New Rate "Guessed"

For the first time, Mayor Lastner hazarded an opinion on the new tax rate: he hoped it would be reduced to \$2.50 because of a new county appraisal of property due to be announced later this month. The appraised value of Greenbelt property is expected to be greatly increased, which would drastically lower the tax rate, Lastner said. McDonald again hesitated to guess at the rate, but admitted the rate Lastner mentioned seemed reasonable.

GVHC president Webster appealed for a lower tax rate, declaring the future of development in Greenbelt depends largely on this item. He read a letter from Roger Willcox, of Community Builders, developers of Woodland Homes, which stated that approval of financing by FHA was secured at great difficulty due to the tax rate. Willcox estimated that the present tax rate would require payments of an average \$520 a year in taxes by new home-owners in Greenbelt. At a 2% tax rate, which he hoped for, only \$330 would be required. He did not wish for reduced services, since that would make Greenbelt a less attractive place for home-purchasers, the letter added.

Personal Property Tax

Although the revenue portion of the budget has not yet been considered by the council, the personal property tax was the subject of some discussion. Ben Rosenzweig, treasurer of Greenbelt Consumer Services, declared that he hoped "a reasonable approach" to the personal property tax would be taken with respect to inventories in the cooperative. Rosenzweig introduced general manager Sam Ashelman of GCS. "What is good for Greenbelt is good for the Co-op," Ashelman asserted. He stated that the local cooperative enterprise pays \$2300 in personal property taxes and \$2500 in real property taxes to the city. He estimated another \$10,000 went to the city in "payments in lieu of taxes" through rent GCS pays to the federal government. "You could double the personal property tax if it would get the tax rate down," Ashelman declared. He hoped that continued development in Greenbelt, with new homes and families would benefit the co-op in the long run, and he offered to give any assistance to encourage development.

(The personal property tax is now 1%. It can be changed each year by the council. It applies only to local businesses, not citizens.)

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The Council and The Tax

The Cooperator has been criticised on many occasions, but not always so deservedly as it was at Monday's public hearing. In all sincerity, therefore, we extend our apologies to the city council and to the city manager — and to assure them that we did not mean to cast any reflections on their devotion to the public welfare. They have all demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that they are working in the best interests of the city. They are involved in an extremely complex and difficult job, and they are conducting it in a most commendable manner. We are thankful, indeed, that we have such public spirited men among us.

Without challenging their motives or their sincerity, however, we do question some of their decisions and, in some respects, their judgment. In our opinion, they have failed to come to grips with the most pressing problem of all — that is, the question of tax rate. The increased assessment on real property will result in a lower tax rate, true, but this is simply a matter of semantics, a play on words. The fact remains that the amount of money which each of us must pay in taxes has not changed. The tax rate, taken by itself, is meaningless. Only when related to the real property assessment does it have any significance. And with a higher assessment our lower tax rate is still obviously too high. The fact that next year we will pay about half our current tax rate will not put another dollar in our pockets. What's the difference between 4% of \$2,000 and 2% of \$4,000?

Why lower the tax rate further? Many people are saying that the new homes and businesses which will come to Greenbelt will broaden the tax base and automatically lower the tax rate. We maintain, that this is putting the cart before the horse. It is more likely that the high tax rate will discourage new development here — the cycle will never be put in motion — the lowered tax rate, in the terms of money, is a sine-quo-non to the further development and growth of Greenbelt.

And here is the crux of our community problem. We refuse to lower taxes at the risk of losing services. But how much room is there for economy in the operation of these services? Plenty, we submit. Last year's surplus of \$25,000 is significant. We believe that it is possible to practice the kind of economy which will give us the same services we now enjoy but at a reduction in cost. If we can save \$15,000 this year, and add to it the surplus from last year, and possibly \$5,000 which GCS may pay in personal property taxes, we will have saved enough money to lower our tax rate to something close to \$2.00.

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By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Klem, 4-D Hillside became the parents of an 8 lb. 3 oz. son on November 25 at Prince Georges Hospital. The baby, named Paul Raymond, was warmly greeted by his grandmother, Mrs. E. Simons, who makes her home with the Klems, his sister, Karen, and brothers, Tommy and Bobby.

Our most heartfelt sympathy to three friends whose mothers are critically ill.

Mrs. Hal Fischer, 18-H Ridge, has been with her mother who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in New Jersey.

Noel Almodovar, 8-A Hillside, flew last Saturday to California to see his mother, very ill in the hospital. He returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watkins, 7-B Hillside, were called suddenly last weekend to the bedside of his mother in Rochester, New York.

The Cooperative Nursery School is giving its annual, holiday party Friday evening, December 11 in the social room at the Center School. The mothers are contributing delicacies to the smorgasbord. Ruth and Bruce Bowman will lead the games. All of which would seem to guarantee an evening's fun.

Corporal Robert Plackett, U.S. Marine Corps, will be spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Plackett, his sister, the beautiful Margaret, and brother, Jimmy of 10-T Southway. Corporal Plackett returned last week from a six months cruise in Mediterranean waters on the USS aircraft carrier FDR. He will be on leave from December 17 to January 4. Robert, 21, is a graduate of DeMatha High School and attended Maryland University for two years.

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Candle-lighting time is at 3:45 p.m.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.

Acting Pastor

GR. 3-4844

Sunday, December 13 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, J. S. Stewart, Superintendent, classes for all ages. 11 a.m., morning worship service, Ralph C. Chandler, Department of Promotion, D. C. Baptist Convention, preaching. Nursery for babies and small children maintained during Sunday School and morning worship hours. 7 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for the entire family, Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. Story hour for small children. 8 p.m., evening worship service, message by Ralph C. Chandler.

Thursday, December 17 - 8 p.m., mid-week service, led by Hazel U. Wilson.

Sodality Bake Sale

The Teen-Age Sodality of St. Hugh's will hold a bake sale on Saturday, December 12 from 9 to 12 in front of the Greenbelt theater. Donations of baked goods should be brought to the Center between 9 and 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the sale will help to defray expenses of the Christmas dance being held by the Teen-Age Sodality on December 28.

GVHC from page 1

Abraham Chasanow, general counsel for GVHC, explained why he believed that legality of an election under the Hare system could be challenged in the courts of Maryland. He quoted the state law, which he interpreted as requiring all members of a corporation must be able to cast a ballot for each vacant place on the board. He further stated that under the Hare system a voter lists the candidates in order of preference, and his vote may only go to one candidate.

The validity of Chasanow's interpretation was challenged by some of the members, and the question was raised whether the issue of legality would be raised after the Hare system has been so long in use. Chasanow pointed out that a disgruntled GVHC member could conceivably challenge the legality of the entire board and thereby void their decisions.

When the vote was called, there was a call for a quorum. A count of the house revealed that the meeting was ten members short of a quorum. An informal vote, however, revealed the viewpoint of a majority of the members.

Pet Exceptions

Another informal vote was taken on whether the board should allow pets to be kept by families under special and unusual circumstances, such as a youngster with a permanent disability, provided there were careful restrictions including a signed and sealed bond against any damage caused by the pet. The membership indicated that such exceptions would be acceptable.

In The Black

Earlier in the meeting Ralph Webster, president of the GVHC board, said that all moves from homes during the past year had been made without the necessity of forcefully evicting any tenant. The fiscal year would end with GVHC "in the black" and in sound financial condition. Information on next year's charges is not yet available. A complete treasurer's report will be released soon.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
GR. 3-5911

Confessions: By a visiting priest Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children and again in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. The 11 o'clock Mass will be a high Mass in thanksgiving offered by Father Dowgiallo on his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. This is Holy Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society at the 7:30 Mass. Beginning Sunday, December 13, religious instruction classes will not be held until after January 1.

Baptisms: There will be no baptisms this Sunday only.

Wednesday: Novena Services followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society at 8:30 p.m.

Ember Days: December 16, 18 and 19 are Ember days. Wednesday and Saturday, December 16 and 19 are days of partial abstinence. On these two days meat may be eaten only once at the main meal.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Sunday, December 13 - Morning worship at 9 and 11 o'clock. Mr. Braund preaching at 9. At 11, Chaplain Luther Gerhart, Captain. USN. Truman Riddle Navy Wives will be honored guests. Church School classes at 9 and 11 for kindergarten and primary; at 10 for juniors and adults - Men's Bible class and Fidelis class for women. Nursery at 9 and 11, nursery room, Fellowship Center. 7:45 p.m., Church Council meeting, social hall. For all officers and teachers in Church and Church School.

Sermon by Mr. Braund at 9 a.m., "The Incarnation of God in Human Life." Sermon by Chaplain Gerhart at 11 a.m., "A Glowing Citation". The meeting of the General Church Council at 7:30, nationally-known 20-minute film "The Hidden Heart" will be shown at 7:30. All members of the congregation are invited to see this film.

Monday, December 14 - 8 p.m., Christmas Pageant planning committee.

Thursday, December 17 - 8 p.m., Boy Scout party, Fellowship Center. 7:30 p.m., kindergarten and nursery Christmas party, social hall.

Sunday, December 20: 11 a.m., Chancel Choir and soloists, Handel's "Messiah". 5 and 7:30 p.m., annual Christmas pageant.

GREENBELT

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Telephone, GR. 4-2051

Sunday, December 13 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services. Nursery is maintained for the benefit of parents with small children. 4 p.m., Rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas program at the church.

Tuesday, December 15 - 8 p.m., Congregational Voters' Meeting will be held at the church. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. All members should attend.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister
Harry B. Miles, Associate

Sunday, December 13 - 9:30 a.m., Session of the Sunday School. 11 a.m., Worship and sermon by the Minister. Second of the series on "Why Jesus Came". Special music by the choir. 6 p.m., Youth Fellowship. Service under the leadership of Mr. Miles.

Wednesday, December 16 - Official Board meeting at the Chapel on Woodlandway.

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Northwestern Notes

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Friday, December 11 marks the opening of the basketball and wrestling season. A double header is planned with the school basketball team playing the alumni and the wrestling team pitting their prowess against the University of Maryland freshman team. These events will be staged in the gymnasium.

The combined Glee Club will perform Sunday, December 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The concert is free and open to all who care to attend.

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Letters To The Editor OVERLY-CRITICAL

One hesitates to be overly-critical of a newspaper published through the cooperative efforts of a volunteer staff.

But in undertaking this project, you also undertook certain responsibilities — chief of which is the objective presentation of the news.

Either out of a sense of obligation to the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company or merely as a space-filler, you carried a long article in the December 3 issue quoting in detail the telephone company's case for a rate increase. By the completely one-sided tone of the article, I would judge it to be a press release written by the company.

Now the request for a rate increase is legitimate news. The column of company propaganda is pure bunk. It may be that an increase is justified, but I see no reason for taking the company's word on it.

I would much rather see our community newspaper come up with some facts and figures. For example: What is the company's present profit? When was the last rate increase granted? How do telephone charges here compare with other areas?

An advertiser generally gets value received for the space he buys. The newspaper that allows its advertisers to influence news policy quickly loses the respect of its readers.

David L. Perlman.

(Ed. note: Who hesitates?)

WATER RATE

Re: Approval of increase of water rate by City heads, I would like to know what part of our \$30.00 a year water payment is assigned for repair and maintenance of the sewers. Last March I attended a Council meeting to ask why our yearly water payment was \$30.00 whereas other area residents was \$18.00. Mayor Lastner and Council explained that the first year the Veterans Housing Corporation would have to pay at the same rate as the Public Housing Authority which was high. It seems that Greenbelters as renters were very careless with water. It is a known fact that when utilities are metered the user becomes more careful when he has to pay the bill. Council told me the cost of metering the water was prohibitive; that Greenbelters would have to be made aware of their extravagant use of water. The average use of water in metropolitan Pittsburgh was \$7.20 a year. In the Carolinas the water rate is \$12.00 a year. So it would seem \$30.00 a year is outrageous and the proposed increase of \$3.00 to \$4.00 a year adds insult to injury. Let us make an awareness of the facts known to the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Caletta Warme,
62-E Ridge Road.

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Holy Name Society

The December meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday evening, December 15 at 8:30 p.m. An informative talk on "The Liturgy of the Church at Christmas" will be given by Edgar Groark, a newcomer to Greenbelt. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

Chest Collections

The total of collections for the Community Chest drive in Greenbelt to date is \$1,070.68, according to Mrs. James Flynn, chairman of the 1953 drive in Greenbelt. It is expected there may still be some small donations turned in which would raise this total somewhat. This figure includes all collections from homes, businesses, clergy and organizations.

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zens. McDonald suggested a raise to 2%, or to equal the real property tax.)

Caruso Pleads For Band 4

A fervent appeal by Vincent Caruso for \$1000 to supply uniforms for the Greenbelt Band met with little success. At present, \$300 is included in the budget for maintenance and repair of musical instruments used by the band and owned by the city. Caruso declared that the band publicized the community at many out-of-town affairs, was a municipal venture, and deserved greater consideration by the council. The band needs uniforms badly and has had to decline many revenue-producing events because of this need. He reminded the council that the city gave greater support, financially, in earlier years.

Mayor Lastner stated that the council was determined to keep the budget low and the band was not deemed a municipal enterprise by the council. Councilman Ben Goldfaden reminded Caruso that the practice of "subsidizing" organizations could easily lead to appeals from many other groups in financial straits. The council and many citizens offered to help in any money-raising venture the band would undertake in the coming year, and hoped the financial problems of the band would be solved in this manner, rather than by municipal appropriation. A broad hint by Goldfaden, however, disclosed that money from within the "cultural" department might be found later in the year for the band and could easily be appropriated at that time.

Lions Assist

The Greenbelt Lions Club assisted in the budget hearing with ushers, a loud-speaker system, and

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distribution of copies of the budget. Among the citizens who spoke on various aspects of the budget were: Eric Braund, Mrs. Carolyn Miller, J. Walsh Barcus, Elliot Bukzin, Dave Garen, Mrs. Alberta Tompkins, Mrs. Ethel Fisher, Mrs. Jane Volkhausen, Sam Schwimer, Nat Schinderman, Joe Dalis, Mrs. Nat Shein, Mr. Burrows and Mrs. Thelma Finlay.

The city council will meet next Monday night at a regular ses-

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Cooperator was started by The Journalistic Club, a group of citizens specifically organized for the purpose of publishing a community paper. The first issue bears the dateline November 24, 1937, and was an eight-page mimeographed paper. Typewriter, paper and mimeograph machine were available by Greenbelt Consumer Services, and the first advertisement was a GCS ad for the service station.

2. According to members of the Journalistic Club still living here, the name "Cooperator" was chosen by the club as appropriate to the spirit of the young community.

3. Louis Bessemer was the first editor of The Greenbelt Cooperator. He also served on the first town council, and later as Mayor.

4. Six past editors of the Cooperator are still living in Greenbelt: Bob Volkhausen, Ellie Ritchie, I. J. Parker, Harry Zubkoff, Ralph G. Miller and Bernie Krug.

5. GCS is a news source for the paper and is a steady advertiser. It makes no financial contribution to the paper other than in paying the advertising bills. Both the Cooperator and GCS as cooperative organizations belong to the Potomac Cooperative Federation which aids and promotes co-ops in the Washington area. Many of the Cooperator staff members are active in GCS.

sion in the administration offices. It is expected that final approval of the budget will take place the following Monday, December 21, the deadline for final passage.

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